

SENATE JUDICIARY

Exhibit No. 5
Date: 2/13/15
Bill No. SB 15

Dear Sen. Sales,

I am writing to support the confirmation of the Hon. David M. Sadler as the next Montana Workers' Compensation Court Judge when you hear SR15. I am an attorney who has practiced workers' compensation law for 32 years. While he was in private practice I represented clients against whom persons then represented by Mr. Sandler had claims, some of which went to trial in the work comp Court. I know the man personally and he is an excellent attorney who is very knowledgeable about workers' compensation law. I am confident he will bring the professionalism, experience and integrity to the Court that I experienced when working with him.

My current practice is virtually exclusively workers' compensation law defense representing workers' compensation insurers. Workers' compensation law is a very complex area of the law (involving medical, employability, constitutional and benefits entitlement disputes) practiced almost entirely by a few very seasoned attorneys. The nature of the litigation in the Workers' Compensation Court requires a judge who will hear both sides, resolve the dispute and do so based on the (unique) law and the facts of the case. Judge Sandler is the person for the job.